

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 590

By Farmer

A RESOLUTION to recognize R.E. "Rick" Farrar III on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their careers; and

WHEREAS, R.E. "Rick" Farrar is one such estimable person who has served with distinction as the County Clerk of Jefferson County since 1978; and

WHEREAS, a lifelong resident of Jefferson County, Rick Farrar is the son of the late R.E. "Toad" Farrar and Helen Ward Farrar and a graduate of Maury High School and Tennessee Wesleyan College, from which he obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in Political Science and Secondary Education; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Farrar taught for three years before being elected as Jefferson County Clerk for the first time in 1978; and

WHEREAS, Rick Farrar was elected for nine straight terms as County Clerk, serving Jefferson County diligently and with his full capacity for thirty-six years; and

WHEREAS, he has been active in the Tennessee Clerk's Association, sitting on numerous boards and committees over the years, including serving as the President of the Association; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Farrar was named Clerk of the Year in 1991; and

WHEREAS, under his leadership, the Jefferson County Clerk's office provides many different services for the citizens of Jefferson County, making new services available to the public or improving the services already provided to the public; and

WHEREAS, the Jefferson County Clerk's office, led by Mr. Farrar, has made automobile renewals, notary public applications, marriage applications, and payment of business tax and licenses much simpler for the citizens he has served with the introduction of an online format, allowing easy access to the residents of his County, and

WHEREAS, he is a member of the Dandridge First United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, Rick Farrar is a dedicated member of his community, serving as a board member of the Dandridge Historic Zoning Commission and the Dandridge Community Trust, a Tennessee Main Street Program that is associated with the National Trust for Historic Preservation; and

WHEREAS, he is the loving sibling of sister Pamela Farrar and brother W. Jackson Farrar; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we extend to R.E. "Rick" Farrar III our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.